Two persons namely Anil Anand, and Rajesh Gupta were placed under arrest on 1st January, 1988 and one person namely Shri M. L. Gupta was arrested on 2nd January, 1988, in connection with the above seizure.

(c) No such threat was offered to the Customs Officers.

(d) Does not arise.

Sealing of Tripura-Bangladesh Border

2742. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tripura Government have requested the Central Government to seal the vulnerable Tripura-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The former Government of Tripura had made requests for additional forces for deployment with the State Government as well as for increasing vigilance on Tripura-Bangladesh border.

(b) and (c) The Central Government did indeed provide maximum possible assistance by way of deployment of para-military forces in Tripura both for the State Government as well as for the border. In addition, the entire State of Tripura was declared as disturbed area in the last week of January, 1988 and the Army was deployed there for countering the menace of increasing insurgency. All the BSF Bns deployed on Tripura-Bangladesh border as well as some Assam Rifles Bns were placed under the operational control of the Army to assist them in countering insurgency.

Loan to Weaker Sections

2743. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of loan disbursed during the last three years among the weaker sections, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) what is the percentage of the recipients who have crossed the poverty line as a result thereof, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The present data reporting system does not generate information in the manner asked for. However, State-wise data of outstanding advances to Weaker Sections by all Scheduled Commercial Banks as at the end of December 1984, December 1985 and June 1986 is at Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) According to the findings of the sample Survey carried out under the Concurrent Evaluation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) for the period October 1985 to September 1986, 52 per cent of the sample cases of old beneficiaries were found to have crossed the old poverty line of Rs. 3500/- at the national level. The State-wise available details in this regard are at Statement-II. (*See* below).